Dr. Vicki Calhoun – Advisory Board, The Panache Project, Inc.

Dr. Vicki Calhoun is the elected representative for Area 3 on the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) Board of Trustees. When sworn into office, she made history as the first African-American elected official in Fullerton. Dr. Calhoun brings a wealth of experience, a strong commitment to youth advocacy, and a deep connection to the community she proudly serves.

A proud Fullerton native, Dr. Calhoun's educational journey began in the city's public schools. As a young student, she was bussed from Maple Elementary to Laguna Road School, located in a more affluent area of the city. She credits the solid academic foundation she received at Laguna, Ladera Vista Junior High, and Fullerton High School for preparing her for success in higher education.

Dr. Calhoun holds an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Fullerton College, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from San Diego State University, a Master of Arts in Counseling from Loyola Marymount University, and a Doctorate in Education with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne. Her professional career has centered on working with at-risk youth, and she remains passionate about advocating for students and families.

As a trustee, Dr. Calhoun is focused on ensuring students succeed by helping them access the many resources available throughout the city. She is committed to supporting families and contributing to the continued growth and excellence of the entire school district.

In 2024, Dr. Calhoun played a key role in reviving the Fullerton College Cheer program after a two-year hiatus—bringing new energy and opportunity to student-athletes. She brings a personal connection to this work: in 1983, she served as Captain of the Fullerton College Cheer team, which won the National Championship under Coach Hal Sherbeck. That team was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2023. Dr. Calhoun has also taught cheerleading to junior high and high school students for multiple football seasons.

Before returning to education, Dr. Calhoun had a successful music career as a background singer for the Red Hot Chili Peppers and other notable artists, touring extensively around the world. She also served as Vice President of the Friends of Fullerton Foundation, helping to provide scholarships and support for local students.

Dr. Calhoun is also a proud member of the Advisory Board for The Panache Project, Inc., where she offers guidance, suggestions, advice, and insight to support the work of

the Board of Directors and help advance the organization's mission of empowerment, education, and service.

Her life and leadership are driven by a deep desire to uplift others, expand access to opportunity, and give back to the community that shaped her. Dr. Calhoun brings her passion, experience, and vision to every role she holds—with purpose, compassion, and heart.